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Washington, D. C. 20505

Executive Director

25 August 1986

Note For: DDS&T

I thought you might be interested in the attached which, according to the dissem sheet, has already been sent to OTS.

I'll give you a call when [redacted] schedules his visit.

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Director
Intelligence Community Staff
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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Executive Director, Central Intelligence AgencyLieutenant General Leonard H. Perroots, USAF
Director, Defense Intelligence AgencyLieutenant General William E. Odom, USA
Director, National Intelligence AgencyLieutenant General Sidney T. Weinstein, USA
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Director, Office of Naval IntelligenceMajor General Schuyler Bissell, USAF
Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Air ForceBrigadier General Frank J. Breth, USMC
Director of Intelligence, Marine Corps

SUBJECT: Clandestine Technical Collection

1. The increasing diversity of information needs of the Intelligence Community has vastly increased interest in clandestine technical collection as a means of overcoming the shortcomings of more traditional collection forms. At the same time, the rapid advancement of technology has offered opportunities in the form of new concepts, employment techniques, and communications links which make many more operations feasible and affordable. As a result, there has developed a widespread interest in employing such techniques to meet a wide variety of collection needs related to, for example,

2. Presently, these techniques are being investigated and developed in a number of elements of the Community, usually in highly restrictive security compartments. As a result, there is considerable uncoordinated overlap and duplication of efforts. In addition, there is not always adequate

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attention to operational considerations in the development phase of such [REDACTED] programs. In a time of expanding requirements and declining resources, greater cooperation and coordination is required to ensure maximum return on investment. [REDACTED]

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3. To promote Community coordination of [REDACTED] efforts and ensure the appropriate inclusion of operational inputs, I have asked [REDACTED] Director of the Program and Budget Staff, to chair a senior level Community panel to coordinate and validate [REDACTED] efforts with respect to basic requirements, operational feasibility, and technology. The panel should further identify budget and manpower requirements and ensure Community support once requirements are established and validated. Adherence to strict security compartmentation for [REDACTED] programs is needed to protect high-risk, perishable operational access. [REDACTED]

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4. We anticipate that the Community panel will be supported by the Collection Group of the Office of Technical Service, Central Intelligence Agency. I have asked [REDACTED] to visit each of you and brief you on the plan for this new endeavor and the concept for support of Community efforts in these sensitive operational areas. [REDACTED]

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